

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy and Janet Smith. Others present were Reuben Hull, Michael Price, Donald Wilson, Chief Reed and Wendy Chase.

Payroll and accounts payable checks were reviewed and signed.

Mike Price and Reuben Hull were in to discuss the Planner position. He went over a draft of a professional services agreement with the Board. Janet received a copy of Reuben's resume and would like time to review it.

The Planner position will be placed on next week's agenda to be discussed by a full Board. James will look into Code Enforcement duties. The Board would like to tie the Code Enforcement Officer duties in with the new Planner position. Reuben will deliver a new agreement by next week's Selectmen's meeting. The Board would like it to be reviewed by town counsel before they make a final decision.

Chief Reed introduced Officer Brett Wells to Janet Smith.

The third and final reading of the 10 ton limit ordinance, addendum to section 500, was read by James as follows:

503.1.5 Road Frost Ban

No vehicles shall operate with a weight of 10 tons or more on any town street or road from March 1st through April 30th of each year. The Road Agent and/or Board of Selectmen have the authority to shorten the duration of the ban depending on weather conditions and road/street conditions. This ordinance shall take effect at midnight on March 29, 2005.

Chief Reed informed the Board that the power will be shut off in the town hall at some time on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. He is hopeful that the generator will be up and running.

Chief Reed informed the Board that there will be extra police officers on duty Saturday April 9th due to the scheduled town power outage from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

James made a motion to go into non public session at 8:00pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a), Janet seconded and all were in favor.

A motion was made and seconded to come out of non public session at 8:35pm.

Don Wilson met with the Board to discuss a land issue. Don will coordinate with Fran Lane and meet with the Board at a later date.
A response letter from Peter Loughlin was read.

The Peaslee Family wrote a letter to the Board requesting permission to put a granite bench in Badger Park in memory of David Peaslee. The Board will further investigate and discuss it further at next week's meeting.

The trailer owned by Guilford Rails was discussed. James will draft a letter to Guilford Rails.

The Selectmen signed the purchase and sales agreement for the former post office building. Wendy was directed to make a copy and send 2 originals back to Fran Lane.

The Selectmen signed a tax supplemental warrant.

James instructed Wendy to keep track of attorney fees associated with the Newfields Greenway project. James will speak to the Conservation Commission regarding possible reimbursement of these fees.

The final vote on the \$500,000 from the original 2 million dollar bond was discussed. James made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$500,000 as a down payment towards the acquisition of the Newfields Greenway Conservation Land project, conditional upon a signed purchase and sales agreement between the Town of Newfields and the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Janet seconded and all were in favor.

The Board reviewed a response letter to a resident regarding snow removal issues. Janet will email the letter to James so that he can make suggestions. The final letter will be signed and mailed next week.

Janet will start working on a town policy for damaged property caused by snow removal.

James emailed a draft personnel policy to Janet and Roberta.

Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2005, James seconded and all were in favor.

James spoke to Michael Sununu in regards to the Budget Advisory Committee. Michael informed James that he knows of interested residents who would like to serve on the Committee.

Chief Buxton will be in next week to discuss Rockingham County Dispatch.

Janet made a motion to adjourn at 10:05pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase